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REMARKS _____

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1. At 1 p.m. on 17 September 1950, about 16 columns of Polish troops wearing yellow ribbons around their caps were observed marching along ulica Nowy Swiat, Warsaw, toward the city sector of Zoliborz. In each column, the troops were arranged in ranks of eight and files of nine. The march columns were followed by 24 artillery pieces of 120 to 150 mm caliber, mounted on spoked wheels with solid tires. No muzzle brakes were observed. The guns, moving in a double file, were towed by prime movers running on tracks with rubber treads. The point of departure and the destination of the column could not be determined. *

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2. _____ the transfer of the military district headquarters (DOW) from Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09) to Torun (Q 54/J 39) was known to residents of both cities. **

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3. _____ in early September _____ many young Polish and Soviet officers in the municipal forest of Poznan (P 53/X 26). _____ the officers were stationed in Biedrusko (P 53/X 27) and would come to Poznan over the weekends. ***

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4. _____ small groups of 10 to 30 partisans were staying in the wooded area of Swietego Krzyza (R 51/Q 03). They were led by a former Polish AF captain and were armed with machine guns and submachine guns. The partisans made raids on isolated farms and on Soviet trucks moving singly. They were supported by relatives and by former members of the resistance movement.

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5. About 20 September, _____ the arrest in Warsaw of a driver who was suspected of having participated in a raid on the Siedlce (R 53/L 80) jail and having taken liberated prisoners to Warsaw.

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6. A former boy scout _____ was trained for sabotage work by partisans at Bialystok (S 54/G 49) in August 1949. He was told to commit sabotage acts only upon special order.

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- * Comment. _____ the information on the march column was corrected inasmuch as it does not state that the troops were shipped away. _____ The formation of the troops indicates

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that they were engaged in a parade. The significance of the yellow cap ribbons is not known. It is believed that they are worn by the personnel of the 1st Kosciusko Inf Div in Warsaw.

** [] Comment. The movement of the Hq 2nd MD from Bydgoszcz to Torun was previously reported []

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*** [] Comment. Since a large troop training grounds is located at Biedrusko, it is probable that officers of the troops training there, and possibly Soviet officers functioning as advisors, may have spent their weekends in Poznan.

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